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1. The LONA Waggonbau, Werdau, was saved from financial ruin by a grant of 20,000,000 DM East from the East German government. The plant and stocks on hand have an estimated value of 11,000,000 DM East.
2. The plant makes mounts and parts for armored personnel carriers which are delivered to Nordhausen. The area at Nordhausen is a closed area. The works are partly underground.
3. The Werdau plant has been working since October 1952 on an order for 1,400 six-wheeled trucks for the Volkspolizei. Currently it is also manufacturing six-seater personnel cars without doors for the Volkspolizei. These cars are fitted with command sets by the Sachsenwerk Radeberg.
4. Recently, about 20 Diesel engines were delivered to the Werdau plant by the VEB IFA Kraftfahrzeugwerk Horch, Zwickau, Saxony.

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